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SUBJECT: SECOND PARTY PLENUM COMMUNIQUE - NPC

1. ON EVENING OF JANUARY 17 NCNA RELEASED THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE SECOND PLENUM OF THE CCP TENTH PARTY CONGRESS WHICH MET FROM JANUARY 8 TO 10. COMMUNIQUE SAID PLENUM DISCUSSED PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE FOURTH NPC, DECIDED TO SUBMIT TO THE NPC FOR DELIBERATION THE DRAFT REVISED TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PRC, A REPORT ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSITUTION, A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS LISTS OF NOMINEES FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NPC AND THE STATE COUNCIL. IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT TENG HSIAO-PING HAS BEEN NAMED A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CCP AND A MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE POLITBURO.

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2. YESTERDAY EVENING ABOUT 1730, BUSES BEGAN GATHERING AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE AND ALL STREETS TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE HALL WERE CORDONED OFF BY POLICE. BY 2000, BUSES PROBABLY NUMBERED AROUND ONE HUNDRED AND LIGHTS WERE ON THROUGHOUT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HALL.

3. COMMENT: RELEASE OF SECOND PLENUM COMMUNIQUE MARKS COMPLETION OF TWO MAJOR STEPS IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PRC. CHINA'S LEADERS HAVE FINALLY AGREED UPON THE DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL SHAPE THE GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRUCTURE. THESE WILL NOW BE RUBBER STAMPED BY THE FOURTH NPC, PROBABLY OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE CONTENTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE DIRECTIONAL THRUST WHICH THEY WILL GIVE THE PRC OVER THE COMING YEARS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INTENSE DEBATE AND THE CAUSE OF REPEATED DELAYS IN CONVENING THE NPC. SECONDLY, THE ELEVATION OF TENG HSIAO-PING TO VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY AND MEMBER OF ITS STANDING COMMITTEE IS A MOVE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, POSSIBLY CLEARING THE WAY FOR HIM TO ASSUME THE MANTLE OF PREMIER FROM CHOU EN-LAI. IN THE PROCESS HE HAS LEAPED OVER SUCH POWERFUL FIGURES AS CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN-YUAN, AND QUITE POSSIBLY HAS BECOME THE FOURTH OR FIFTH RANKING LEADER IN THE PARTY. THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS INTERESTING, COMING A FULL WEEK AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE SECOND PLENUM. INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS THAT DELEGATES TO THE NPC BEGAN COLLECTING IN PEKING AROUND THE TIME OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE PLENUM SUGGEST THAT THE NPC MAY ALREADY BE UNDERWAY. ACTIVITIES AT THE GREAT HALL LAST NIGHT, HOWEVER, ARE BEING WIDELY INTERPRETED HERE AS THE OPENING OF THE CONGRESS. IN ANY CASE, WE EXPECT THAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE RELATIVELY BRIEF AND CONTINUE TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENTS.

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